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"We Come in Search of Truth"

Night Rally Thursday

New Science Building Measure Signed

President Anderson recently signed a project approval involving the expenditure of \$179,000 for the new science building. It is probable that ground will be broken shortly. The Bureau of Public Works has promised that the building will be completed by the middle of September, 1927.

When this building is available, much of the congestion and many of our physical inconveniences will be relieved.

The structure will be erected on the northwest corner of the campus, and will be L shaped. It is understood that the architecture and finish will be similar to that of the other two new buildings recently finished.

Probably the next building to be constructed will be a new training school, but so far no appropriation has been made.

To Check Candy Sales

The executive board of S. F. T. C. has passed a regulation to the effect that any candy sale held by a class or club must have the approval of the Board one week before the sale.

The Board felt called upon to pass this measure because candy sales have been too numerous in the past few weeks. There were ten of these sales in a period of three weeks. This method of raising money for class or club activities is thought unfair by the Executive Board, because it taxes all students for the benefit of a few. It is desired that this means of raising funds be reserved for the Annual and other student body projects.

Art Club Holds Annual Exhibit

The Art Club's Annual Exhibit of free-hand drawing, creative design, and craft work was held Tuesday afternoon, in the Craft Shop.

Miss Reid and Miss Smith, the judges, said they had a very delightful time selecting the best work.

Both critics agreed that Miss Casner's black and white frog design deserved first prize, a large box of "Prang" pastels.

Miss Coffee's yellow scarf, with the fantastic border, won a set of paint brushes. There was much discussion when it came to choosing the winner for the second division in craft.

Said Miss Smith to Miss Reid, "I will give you five cents to accept my choice."

But Miss Reid offered the art teacher ten cents to vote for her favorite. At last, however, Miss Laclerques' tie-dyed scarf of deep orange and crimson won the prize, a sharp sloyd knife. Miss Michelson won the second prize, a palette knife, for an outdoor sketch in the freehand drawing group.

Cappy Ricks To Speak Here

Robert Dollar, owner of the Dollar Steamship line, has just returned from his thirteenth trip around the world, and we are going to have the opportunity of having him speak at our Wednesday assembly on November 17.

Mr. Anderson, our president, will introduce the speaker, who is an old time friend.

Mr. Dollar recently spoke before the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce, and from the praise the newspapers set forth we may well expect a splendid address.

The title of the talk will be, "Our Relations With the Orient." We can easily realize the speaker being exceptionally well acquainted with his subject.

This old sea captain is the original Cappy Ricks of Peter B. Kyne fame. Possibly no other living man on the Pacific coast has lived such a colorful life as has Mr. Dollar.

More than any other man, perhaps, he helped to open up trade with China. It is said that his ships brought the first load of copra here from the South Seas, thus giving us the industry that has led to Palmolive soap and even to Nucoa.

Eleven Concerts For \$1.00

For the first time in its history, the Elwyn Concert Bureau is offering to students its series of eleven concerts for one dollar—nine cents a concert. The Bureau has guaranteed each student a reserved seat.

These student tickets are transferable to other students, but are not transferable to adults. Mrs. McCauley is issuing the tickets and will give students any information concerning them.

The artists who are to appear in the Elwyn Concert Series are:

Louise Homer, contralto; Mary Lewis, soprano; Lucrezia Bori, soprano; Albert Spalding, American violinist; Werren-rath, baritone; Meisle and McQuahae, soprano and tenor duet; Cecilia Hansen, Russian violinist; Florence Austral, Australowsky, pianist; Florence Austral, Australian Nightingale; Charles Hackett, tenor;

These concerts are to be held at the auditorium, every week or two until April 13, 1927, when the last one will be given.

Correction

The Annual staff will hold its weekly dances on Tuesday at twelve o'clock in the old gym, from now on. Good dance music will be furnished. The small sum of ten cents will be charged. If these dances become popular, the funds for the Annual will be greatly increased.

A series of movies will also be held later. Ten cents will be charged to see these pictures, which will be partly educational and partly comic.

A program of three exceptional plays, the jolly kind of feed you bring yourself, decorated tables that will compete for prizes, and a stunt program are a few of the things that will characterize the annual Night Rally to be held Thursday afternoon and evening, November 18.

After enjoying a group of plays given by the Dramatic Club, the student body will go to the "Caf," where there will be a dinner, followed by an entertainment.

The committee plans to have about ten tables, each one holding sixteen students. A member of the committee is to sit at each table and is to decide with the others at her table just what food will be brought, and how the table will be decorated.

Much interest will be taken in the table decorations, which are to be in pilgrim style, and are not to cost more than fifty cents. A prize will be given for the best decorated table.

After the dinner there will be a surprise entertainment, which is to consist of stunts given by some girls from each table.

The plays to be given by members of the Dramatic Club are: "The Lady Loses Her Hoop," a fantasy of days when ladies wore them; "Gretna Green," the story of an elopment; "Their Anniversary," a play in which two couples celebrate.

The committee, headed by Eunice Armstrong as chairman, consists of: Ella Abbott, Bernice Perdue, Virginia Montgomery, Constance Wisewell, Graylis Allison, Ann Pederson, Gladys Cathcart, Irene Smith, Marion Byrne, and Miss Anderson of the faculty.

Pageant of Nations To Be Held

A "Pageant of Nations" has been planned by students in Mrs. Dorris' Education 16 course.

It is an expression of a project, and the students have given it much time and thought. This event is expected to be one of the big accomplishments of the year.

Miss Agnes Boyle, the chairman of the event, has organized the class into a number of committees, each one having a definite set of duties.

Mr. Ray has been considerate, as always, and put a great deal of effort and talent into the making of the stage-setting. We promise that it is unique.

The "Pageant of Nations" will be given at the Wednesday assembly, ten o'clock, November 24.

"Caf" Doing Good Business

The college cafeteria, that all important department of the school, is flourishing this year in a manner satisfactory to all concerned. It is handling daily a capacity crowd of student teachers, faculty and training school pupils.

When the cafeteria was first opened, twelve years ago, a daily receipt of \$15 was considered by its managers, a highly gratifying amount. Now the amount taken in daily ranges from \$55 to \$75. Cold weather causes a decided increase in the number of customers, and rainy days are the busiest. The number of daily sales is estimated at from four to five hundred.

This year there have been two additions to the cooking and serving equipment. These are a new steam table and a patent meat slicer.

Statistics show that eighteen loaves of bread are used each day, 100 pints of milk sold, and about four pounds of butter used.

Spanish dishes prove to be very popular. Anyone interested might trace the cause of this tendency back to California's early history. Creamed dishes are also favorites. Jello and pie seem to take the honors in the dessert lines. The college and training school cooking classes, under the direction of Miss Spelman, cook some of the food, their specialties being biscuits and cakes.

Miss Spelman is interested in observing what degree of intelligence pupils and teachers use in choosing lunches. The domestic science instructor is, on the whole, greatly pleased with her conclusions. They seem to point to the fact that the health courses given in the training school are practical. Any young lady or gentleman appearing at the cash register with a business man's lunch of pie, cake, and ice cream, is marched right back to the milk and vegetable departments.

Contrary to general belief, it is the student teachers who consume most of the candy. The diet epidemic is noticeable in one odd way. Recently, the sale of potatoes has dropped to an almost inconsiderable amount. Where are all these Irish customers?

Miss Levy and Miss Spelman, joint managers, are hoping that the "caf" will be given more space in the near future. They are especially desirous that a separate entrance and exit for training school pupils be provided.

Miss Smith Writes New Book

Miss Smith, faculty art instructor, has just given Rand McNally the contract for her new book, which covers children's art work in individual instruction for the first two primary grades.

The story-telling element, suggested by the title, "The Story of the Live Twins and How They Learned to Draw," has been kept prominent throughout. The whole book aims to awaken the child's perceptive qualities.

It is interesting to note that Miss Smith composed the fascinating little adventures of the Live Twins to explain to the child how to use the mechanical principles of drawing, and how to mix and apply the color.

Miss Smith is at present working on two more books, one for the third and fourth grades, and the other for the fifth and sixth grades. These will follow the same plan for self-instruction in art.

She has also to her credit, the illustrations in the "Brownie Phonograms," those in Miss Talbert's "Phonics," and those in Porter's book on Alaska. In addition, Miss Smith has written a book, "Blackboard Story Telling," for self-instruction of teachers, a text that finds much favor and demand from city school teachers.

Mrs. Hanson Decorated

Mrs. Ida Hanson, a student of this college, was recently decorated by Carl E. Wallerstedt, the Swedish representative of King Gustav V, for helping Swedish people in this country organize socially, and make closer contact with Americans.

The recipient of the honor was born in Sweden, but, at the age of ten, came to California with her parents.

"I believe every foreigner has a certain cultural contribution if only he can give expression to it," says Mrs. Hanson.

To protect Swedish children from ridicule and to start an American-Swedish educational movement, she has, on several occasions, exhibited in local clubs Swedish household culture: needle-work, pottery, furniture, etc. In addition, Mrs. Hanson has organized the Utile Dulci Club, which extends hospitality to Swedish-American women and representatives, and makes studies of the early history of people of Swedish birth or descent who have contributed to American culture.

The government of Sweden, constantly reaching out to find new and better educational systems, sent Professor Olsson, the outstanding educator in Sweden and a teacher of Economics in Stockholm, to the United States, in 1925.

He became exceedingly interested in the methods carried out in the Frederic Burk Training School. Upon his return home, he wrote a book lauding Dr. Burk's system of instruction. Never had Professor Olsson seen such a happy, busy cooperation between pupil and teacher. Winnetka and the Dalton Plan are considered by him as merely comparative systems which have grown out of Dr. Burk's individual instruction.

It seems strange that this small Western school, little known to local inhabitants, is the source of the great educational movement spreading rapidly in America and Europe.

When the faculty received copies of Professor Olsson's report—which was printed in Swedish—they were anxious to know what his impressions were. Mrs. Lynch, was well acquainted with Mrs. Hanson, invited her to translate the book.

Mrs. Hanson became so interested in the school, through interpreting the account, that she decided to get acquainted with the institution.

When Mrs. Lynch explained to her that courses were given in the summer, Mrs. Hanson seized the opportunity and was so fascinated with the various subjects that she enrolled for regular session.

"I do not intend to teach," says she, "I am studying because I am interested in the work the college is doing."

Educator Decries Lack Of School Leaders

"There are no outstanding leaders in education today," says Dr. Winship, the eighty-two year old editor of the Journal of Education. "Forty years ago there were leaders in education who were looked up to."

"Then, too, relations between teachers and pupils were far different. Then the teachers saw more of their pupils, and devoted more time to them. The personal equation was stronger."

"Today this personal equation is weakening, and modern schools are becoming up-to-date factories."

"Moreover," he continued, "educational aims have changed. Speed is no longer

Apples Hit the Spot

"That apple tasted better than it looked," said Miss England.

"The twelfth apple surely tasted like more," said Martha Smith.

"It was certainly delicious," said Miss Burkholder.

"An apple like that was worth twenty-five cents of anyone's money," said Miss Levy.

"I just can't resist that," said Mr. Butler.

"I like the ones with lots of goo," said Ida Hurliman.

"I can't eat any more sweets today. Give this apple to the first good looking girl you see," said Dr. Biddle.

"Good! The syrup improved them immensely," said Ralph Anderson.

All of these remarks came during the recent candied-apple sale, which was held last week. The purpose of this sale was to raise money for the Annual.

Shirley Millman deserves the credit for arranging this novel event. She had girls bring the apples.

Fifteen dollars was raised by this sale. Every dollar is another step toward the Annual.

Her Dream

She awoke at 8:30 with a feeling of absolute calmness and tranquility, though she knew her first class began at 9 o'clock. She dressed leisurely, ate a big breakfast, and then ambled to a street car. It was only 9:35 when she entered her class, put her vanity case on Herr Mypins' desk, and started to read the last edition of "College Humor." Only once did she find it necessary to reply to Herr Mypins' questions. She received a B plus for the answer of "I don't know." And at the end of the hour, she criticised Herr Mypins severely, with the result that her B plus was changed to an A.

When she reached her 10 o'clock class at 10:15, she was informed by Instructor Woolware that she need not complete the course.

In great hilarity, she rushed down the hall at full speed and met H. R. H. Zanderson, who said she had the spirit he liked to see and asked her why more of the girls didn't run in the halls.

At 11:40 she decided to go to her psychology class, but was only there five minutes when Miss Bolmes took sick and the class was dismissed. She started for the library and entered very quietly, but was greeted at the door by Miss Vleming, who gave her a jazz horn to entertain herself while there. While in the library, Miss Yance came in and said that she would not have to take grammar.

It was noon. Miss Bevy told her not to come back for afternoon classes. As she was leaving the building, Miss Ward offered to take her to the Granada matinee. After due consideration, she decided not to accept and started home. Mr. Cutler, seeing her go, ran to escort her home, but her friends were waiting on the corner, and after introducing Mr. Cutter, she left with them.

required in addition, for today the machine does the adding. So, too, with the handwriting. Everybody has to learn to write, but typing is the modern writing medium."

"But modern schools can't do the same as those of the old days. They have to fit modern conditions."

Mr. Boulware Publishes Book

Mr. Alexander S. Boulware, of the faculty of the San Francisco State Teachers College, is the co-author of a new arithmetic book. This book contains the four fundamentals of arithmetic taught in a new and novel way, with an automatic correction. A standard time allowance is given for each grade.

The time allowance for the various grades is as follows: Low fourth grade, seven minutes; high fourth grade, six and one-quarter minutes; low fifth grade, five and one-half minutes; high fifth grade, five minutes; low sixth grade, four and one-quarter minutes; high sixth grade, four minutes; low seventh grade, three and one-half minutes; high seventh grade, three and one-quarter minutes; low eighth grade, three minutes; and for the high eighth grade, two and three-quarter minutes.

The automatic corrector is a loose leaf in the back of the book, that can be placed over the page of examples just completed. In one minute the page can be corrected. This book is a new time saver for both the child and the teacher. It is believed that this work of Mr. Boulware and Mr. Thomas E. Thompson, of the University of California, Southern Branch, will be a big step in motivating children in arithmetic. It is like a game, but at the same time children learn the four fundamentals of arithmetic.

The publishers are Rand McNally & Company, of Chicago.

Glee Club Holds Open House

The Glee Club entertained the student body, their friends and relatives, at the Thursday assembly last week, with the cantata, "The Swallow."

Ursula Murphy was the soloist. The double quartette in this part of the program consisted of Mary McFeely, Orenda Woods, Lucille Byrne, Ursula Murphy, Edna Murphy, Helen Zak, Edna Gainor, and Josephine Codoni.

Anna Marie Johannsen changed her selections, from those which she whistled over KGO to "Will of the Wisp," "At Dawning," and "By the Waters of Minnetonka." Katherine Clark accompanied her on the piano.

The trio also changed their program. Ethel O'Farrell was at first violin, Doris Malitz at second violin and Laura O'Farrell at the piano. Their numbers were: "Ave Maria" and "Alpine Violets."

Emma Nash was the leader and conductor of the orchestra. Her orchestra was composed of: Ethel O'Farrell, violin; Bessie Sue, flute; Ethel Byrne, trombone; Laura O'Farrell, piano; Alta Rannels, saxophone; and Eva Archer, viola.

After the entertainment, punch was served in the old gymnasium. Aileen Clancy was the chief dispenser of the punch.

To the rescue! For your own sake, help Dr. Biddle find a matrimonial scheme by which he can bring his class of 350 male students at the College of Pharmacy into acquaintanceship with our 850 here.

Dr. Biddle promises, "I will risk all the rocks of criticism and fate that I am bound to meet, and promise to steer a fairly straight course, if you girls will only cooperate and find the matrimonial ship."

Do not pass up this great opportunity, girls, you may never get another. Imagine a choice from among 350 promising young men. Surely, this should be worth some effort.

T. N. T.

This column is run only as a place where public opinion may be expressed. It asks that you explode with any grievance or evil that you would like to see remedied. Place all communications in the Vigilante box in the lower hall. These communications must contain the writer's name, although it will be withheld if desired. The Vigilante assumes no responsibility for views published.

Dear Editor:

The class spirit shown in this college is certainly wonderful. The great number of ten or fifteen girls appear at every class meeting. If students here want class dances, dinners, etc., why don't they come out and help plan for such gatherings? The class presidents do not know what students want; granting the presidents are all-wise, it is not their duty to make all plans by themselves. We know this is a professional school, but there is no reason why there can't be some fun connected with it. Show your spirit, students, and come out full force to the next class meeting.

Yours,

M. E.

Dear Editor:

The question arises in my mind whether or not it would be advisable to inaugurate a class in "Courtesy" for the majority of members of the student body. I think it would—judging from the discourtesy students display in the assembly hall when we have a visiting lecturer.

If it is impossible to have such a course, I think it would be advisable for every girl to put herself in the place of the speaker and "have a heart."

Sincerely yours,

A. B. C.

Colonel Stanton Addresses Assembly

Few patriotic Americans forget the famous saying: "Lafayette, we are here!" and, if forgotten, it was soon brought back to mind at the Armistice Assembly on November 10, when Colonel Stanton, the originator of that famous phrase, addressed the student body.

The assembly was opened with community singing, which was led by Miss Levy's music majors.

Much applause followed the tableaux that were planned by Dorothy Petch, chairman of the day, and much credit is due Miss Casebolt for the success of the tableaux, as she directed them. Mr. Ray and Dr. Rypins acted as stage directors.

To Miss Levy and Miss Farrell and their classes, the student body and faculty extend their thanks, for the splendid musical and dancing numbers that aided in the entertainment of the morning.

The program was one to stir each and every American heart in the audience. It provided an atmosphere of patriotism for Armistice Day.

Feb. '26 Holds Dance

On Saturday evening, November 6, the students of February '26 gave a class dance in the new gym. The path leading to the gym was brilliantly lighted with Japanese lanterns, and a large spotlight lit up the entire porch.

Everett Steffen's orchestra was engaged for the evening. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson, Miss Ward, and Miss McFadden were the sponsors.

In the elimination dance that was held, Miss Lorraine Switzer won first honors.



PERSONAL

Orenda Woods, a former member of this college, is now teaching at the Fremont School in San Francisco. She has an atypical class.

Miss Pearl Clark, who left school in the middle of last semester on account of ill health, has been Mrs. J. K. Borden since June 30. November 8 marks the day that Mrs. Borden and her husband leave for Los Angeles.

Mrs. Lois Zamlock, who graduated last June, was a visitor at school, last week. Lois and her husband, Carl Zamlock, baseball coach at the University of California, have just returned from an extended trip to Idaho.

Eleanora Kaeuper, of the August '25 class, had her tonsils removed last Tuesday morning.

Miss Roby Davis, who last year assisted in the college library, is now employed by the Southern Pacific at the Ferry Building office. She says that she is enjoying her work very much.

Marion Watson, of the August '26 class, is out of school because of illness. On Wednesday she left for her home in Sacramento, where she will undergo an operation for appendicitis.

Honorary Membership Conferred

At a meeting of the Scribes' Club recently, honorary membership was conferred upon Lois Foster, its former president. The honor was bestowed chiefly as a reward for special work done in the literary field.

Miss Foster was a member of the class of February '24, and during her stay here wrote many interesting poems, one of which was published in last year's College Annual.

It will be remembered that Miss Foster wrote the one-act play, "Even a Fool Can Love," which was presented last semester by the College Theater, and for which she composed the music and songs used in its presentation.

While a student teacher in the training school, she did much toward introducing creative work in poetry in the first grades. She is now governess for the two sisters of the boy wonder violinist, Yehudi Menuhin.

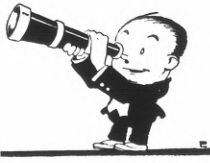
Instructor On U. C. Extension

A new course is being given by Mr. Carlos Mundt, at the University of California Extension Division, in the Pacific Building, San Francisco. The name of this course is "Elementary Astronomy."

When this course was presented by Mr. Mundt two years ago, he had seventy-five pupils, but this year the attendance is running smaller.

The people in this class range from waiters, students, and tired business men, to doctors and lawyers. There are no school teachers.

The cost for ten lectures is six dollars. No credit is given for the course, as no examination is held at the end.



HERE AND THERE

Mr. David R. Jones, faculty member of the old Normal School, was making a tour of the state recently, and stopped at the college for a short visit.

He is author of the State Text Book on Arithmetic which was used in California until the introduction of Thorndike's books. Some states still use Mr. Jones' text.

He said that on various occasions he has had the pleasure of renewing the acquaintance of graduate students whom he knew while at the Normal.

"They can come back at any time, and I'll turn the entire school over to these girls," said the principal of the Agassiz School the other day, after Edna Murphy and Anna Johannsen represented the College Glee Club at the school's P. T. A. meeting.

Edna Murphy sang for the assembled guests, and Anna Johannsen whistled. Both of these girls were soloists at the KGO radio party and at the Glee Club open house.

According to Miss Vance, there are quite a number of girls taking a leave of absence for one reason or another. Among them, Edna Bruner, Beth Cowles, and Frances DeLauney, have left because of ill health. Lena Ahrens, Blanche Crumb, Edna Wallis, Esther Hayes, and Beatrice Grannuci have taken leaves for various other reasons.

Miss Levy, whom we all know as the instructor of the "first forty-eight pages of Book I," is planning to present her talented Glee Club girls in an operetta—one of her own compositions—some time in the near future.

The Glee Club established in everyone's estimation its ability to sing when, on the night of the twenty-second, from nine to ten, it greeted the listeners-in of KGO.

Miss Levy will not tell much of her plans because they are just in the formative stage; but the last reports indicate that the audience will be transported to a land where the laughing eyes and dancing toes of gay señoritas and care-free gypsies keep time to lively music. And that's that.

The High Grammar Civics Club met in Room 30 last week, to present their Hallowe'en entertainment. Miss Frances Modin and Miss Irene Tallman, both high grammar teachers, managed the affair. The program committee was composed of Joan Cully, Edwin Newton, Bobbie Haling, and Pauline Resnick.

Margaret Kelly gave a reading, "The Origin of Hallowe'en."

A scene from an old Hallowe'en party was presented. Ruth Brill had the leading part. A minuet dance was given in this part of the program. By contrast, a modern party was presented. Bobbie Haling gave a recitation called "Seein' Things at Night." Audrey Hernan sang in this skit.

A new piano, which is of the finest type, has been given to the kindergarten recently. In addition, the mothers of the kindergarten children presented that section with a canary and fifty blue luncheon plates.

Interesting Branch of College But Little Known

Few students here know that the college maintains an experimental school at 555 Chestnut Street, in the heart of the Sicilian fisherman district. For many years the building housed a social settlement project, and today much of the old tradition still hangs about the building.

Five years ago a kindergarten training school was established there, with activities calculated to aid the foreign born adult in his adaption to this new country. The old buildings have been filled to bursting with children and mothers. Classes in English and Citizenship, for fathers and mothers, are held as well. Mrs. Dalton is a new instructor in the English department this year.

The primary purpose of this center is to give practice teaching to the kindergarten majors. Mrs. De Camp, of this college, is the supervisor for the eight girls there. These girls remain for a period of eighteen weeks, teaching the foreign children.

A girls' club also meets at Peoples Place, to have wedding dinners, christenings, and occasional social activities. Many of these affairs have a quaint, old-world atmosphere to them.

Mrs. Bertha Monroe lives on the grounds of this novel school. She says, "The life here is full, varied, and interesting." She is perhaps the one American that the people of the district know well.

New and adequate buildings are badly needed. The institution is a big contribution to the education of the foreigner and should receive generous support.

Not one overdue book! Imagine such a situation in our library. This is the record set for us by the Children's Library.

"There are some students who are responsible for as many as seventeen books," says Mrs. Woods, "so we are very proud of our record."

Student teachers, wake up! These children, into whom you are supposed to inculcate ideals, have more consideration for their fellows than their teachers.

The last four basketball games are being refereed by an outsider, a Miss Farrell, who is a teacher in San Mateo.

According to Ione Hart, basketball manager, the new referee will add enthusiasm and interest to the games.

The date and place of the Senior dance have been changed again, this time to December 1, and the California Club, 1750 Clay Street, respectively.

The invitations, which are now being made ready, will soon be sent out.

Miss Moe and her February '26 advisory students enjoyed a Saturday afternoon recently at the Curran Theater, where they saw "Gentlemen Prefer Blondes."

After the performance, the girls went to El Trocadero. Tables were reserved for the dinner. The time was spent in telling stories, and recounting funny incidents of personal experiences.

At two o'clock, Saturday, November 13, the Bay Section of the Kindergarten Primary Association will hold its first Fall meeting in our Kindergarten building.

Election of officers will be held, the constitution of this section will be ratified, and plans for the annual meeting of the Kindergarten Primary Section will be discussed. This meeting will take place on January 8 in Fresno.

Members from Oakland, Berkeley, and the bay cities as far down as Santa Clara will be present.

Student Admits Petting

"The question for discussion today," began the student chairman of the Frederic Burk Council a few days back, "is whether or not we should fondle or pet the children we have in our classrooms. May we now open the discussion and have the pros and cons?"

With much enthusiasm, girls in different parts of the room rose and gave vent to their opinions. Suddenly California Pixley jumped to her feet. No doubt, what she meant to say was: "Madam chairman, it seems to me that we are all so used to caressing and petting little children that it is hard to refrain, now that we are adopting the dignified profession of school teacher."

But, California had a lapse, or something, and, with eyes shining, burst forth with this:

"Madam chairman, we are all so used to petting——"

It is said that Miss Carter fainted dead away. Girls looked neither to right nor left. The silence was ghastly, as California sank to her chair. The chairman turned dizzy and fell into the waste basket and the clock uttered a moan and stopped!

And all this just because of a slip of the tongue! Here is one more argument in favor of that age-old adage, "Think before you speak."

Glee Club Gets

Fan Letters

From a pile of seventy-two fan letters, the following excerpts praising the Glee Club radio concert have been taken:

"I have greatly enjoyed the songs of your Glee Club."—Floyd Dennis, Pendleton, Oregon.

"I wish to express my keen enjoyment of the radio program that was broadcast over KGO, by the S. F. T. C. Our whole family 'listened in,' and everyone appreciated the program as much as I did. It was something unusual, and we would surely like to hear more of it. My only regret is that I can not express my appreciation personally."—Miss Gladys Gillies.

"Enjoyed your 'Surprise Program' given October 26."—Mr. George Butler, Lemon Cove.

"The program given by the S. F. T. C. was very good, and I hope it will be repeated."—Letitia Ball.

"May I have the pleasure of expressing my appreciation to those who took part in the delightful program?"—Charles P. Rowley.

"Your program of Tuesday evening was much enjoyed."—Mrs. E. Robinson.

"The 'Surprise Program' was very pleasing. One could stand a good many 'Swallows' similar to that which was so easy to take tonight."—J. F. Currie.

"The 'Swallow' was superb. Made as graceful as the bird itself."—M. L. W.

Trips Feature Work of Constitution Courses

Visits to the warships anchored out in the bay, to federal courts, the custom house, the Presidio, Angel Island, and other interesting places have featured this semester's work of Mrs. Cowell's class in U. S. Constitution, while the students of California Government, a course offered for the first time this semester, have taken trips to the state courts, the State Building, and the like.

The unique thing about these trips is that they were entirely arranged by a committee of students. Though all students did not take each trip, the classes were given the benefit of their experiences through reports.

In addition to these exercises, the classes have listened to special talks by Mrs. Monroe and Mrs. Rypins.

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W. A. A. Dines

Baseballs, bats, tennis, racquets, and basketballs lent atmosphere to the W. A. A. dinner held at Wilson's, Tuesday, November 9. After the president of the association, Emma LeBaron, had made the opening address, the seat prize, a novelty pencil, was awarded. It was given to Lillian Gamble who held the lucky number.

Between courses of the dinner the members of the W. A. A. and their faculty guests were entertained by: Anna Johannsen, who gave two whistling solos; Gladys Banner, who gave several recitations; Fanny Solomon, who sang two songs; and Anna Johannsen and Fanny Solomon, who gave their well-known duet, "By the Waters of the Minnetonka." The assemblage then sang songs which were led by Annabel Hopping.

After a wizard trick had been tried out by numerous girls, a charade contest by classes, with the faculty acting as a senior class, was held. The class which made the poorest charade had to furnish the speaker of the evening.

The class of February '26 lost the charade contest. As its speaker it chose Gladys Banner, who gave another recitation.

The final event of the dinner was the presentation of a W. A. A. pin, the highest award of the Women's Athletic Association, to Mr. Anderson for the helpful support he has always given the W. A. A.

Frances Bramhall, Eunice Armstrong and Mrs. Emma LeBaron managed the affair.

65 Babes Enrolled Here

There are quite a number of hopelessly juvenile students wandering around the college, according to Miss Vance, who says that approximately sixty-five girls received street car ticket books this semester. And this isn't all the scandal. Our Recorder states further, "I believe there are more students who are not availing themselves of the opportunity to obtain half rates on their fare." Evidently these are ashamed of their tender years.

In the past, attempts have been made to extend this privilege to all students, but they have met with failure.

"An ordinance is an ordinance and cannot be broken," stated one of the railroad officials.

Another endeavor was made to keep car tickets valid after 4:30 o'clock, but again it didn't "go through." Of course, a person may try to pass them after the set time, but whether or not one succeeds depends upon the conductor.

At one time an effort was made to get a discount on the commute books for those who live across the bay, but the steamship people refused to do anything about it, except to raise the rates.

So, girls, if you are eligible to use car tickets, avail yourselves of the chance and secure a blank from Miss Vance immediately. Don't be backward, even though it does give your age away.

These slips may be had for either the Market Street Railway or Municipal Railway.

Athletics Attracting More Students

Three times as many girls come out for sports now, as came out when the school carried on inter-collegiate athletics, says Miss Hale.

It was at the last Play Day between San Jose and San Francisco, in May, 1925, that both colleges decided to discontinue inter-scholastic sports for at least a few terms. This action was determined upon to make it possible for more girls to participate in sports.

Under the former arrangement, only one team was organized for each sport, and this team was composed of a few skilled players. Girls who were interested, but who had received little training, would not come out.

At present, under the new system, many more students are taking part in the games, and, according to Miss Hale, the opportunity for more girls will be opened up the coming season.

The semi-annual Inter-Class Play Day has taken the place of the Inter-Collegiate Play Day. The first was held last May at the Fleishacker Field. Over seventy girls from all classes competed.

Miss Hale says that her aim is to interest in athletics as many girls as possible. Once interested, she thinks that students will go on with sports, not only in college, but in after life.

Library Gets New Books

The library has a new addition, a shelf full of fairy tales and stories that delight every child, that have been set aside as reference material for Miss Barbour's girls.

With a view to increasing the reference room of the library, several new books have been bought recently. Among them is: "The Encyclopaedia Britannica," a revised eleventh edition, consisting of twenty-eight volumes in fourteen books, with an addition of two new volumes of recent material. The set can be found in the small cabinet at the exit from the reference room.

Rand McNally's 1925 "Commercial Atlas of America" ought to prove helpful to Social Science students, especially those in Mrs. Dorris' classes. Maps showing official auto trails, steamship lines and population offer valuable material for reference work.

The latest "Negro Year Book," an annual encyclopaedia of the negro, comes from the printing office at the Tuskegee Institute, Alabama.

Made and printed in Great Britain, is the "Europa," an annual survey of European politics, art and literature.

Teachers searching for something on China, will find "The China Year Book" most satisfactory.

Dr. Burk's Book Coming Out

Rand McNally & Co., publishers, are about to put on the market, the "Self-Instruction Arithmetic," written by the late Dr. Frederic Burk, former president of this college, according to information recently received by Miss Ward from the book concern.

The final editorial touches are now being given. The text is designed to meet the individual needs of children in the lower grades. Much of the material in it is at present being used in the training school here, in the form of mimeographed sheets.

Notice

Will the person who "picked up" the amethyst ring set in white gold, from the rest room, kindly return it to Bernice Kelly? It is valued as a keepsake.

Kindergarten Teachers Visit New Nursery

Last Thursday, November 4, the Senior Kindergarten group visited the nursery section at the Tompkins School in Oakland. This nursery, one of the newest movements in education, is the first to be established on this coast.

Miss Pennock, formerly with a Boston nursery, is in charge. The children taken are of pre-school age—children of two years to four. At present there are eight attending, although there are accommodations for twelve. The children are brought in the morning and taken home in the afternoon.

The purpose of the nursery is to help the very young child acquire proper habits and social attitudes. A special case is made of each pupil. His physical, mental, and emotional life is studied, and proper guidance is provided.

It is the policy of this school never to let a wrong act on the part of the child be the means of satisfying a desire. If the child sees that whining gains his ends, he will continue to use such methods throughout life, instead of learning the correct ones. On the other hand, if he finds that right conduct will bring about the fulfillment of his wants, there will be an indelible truth planted in his mind.

The advantage of the nursery school over the home in establishing correct habits and conduct is that all are doing something at the same time. In this way the child's antagonism is not aroused with dos and don'ts.

One of the most important functions of the nursery school is the careful supervision of the diet. To have well-behaved children, we must have, first of all, children that are physically fit.

The cooperation of the parents with the authorities of the school is essential. Things learned in school will be of little value if they are not practised at home.

Children's Theater Started Here

The San Francisco Children's Theater, an organization known all over the United States, was started here in the training school, eleven years ago, by two members of the faculty, Mrs. McCauley and Mrs. John Cuddy.

It began when Dr. Burk asked the two teachers—one trained in opera, the other in dramatics—to prepare a series of original plays for the children. Mrs. Cuddy dramatized the plays, for which Mrs. McCauley composed the songs.

These plays were given by the children in their class rooms, and in assembly. They attracted many visitors. After a while the plays became so well known that they were given at the Plaza, the Alcazar, and the Players' Guild Theater. Some are now being staged at the Emporium.

During this time, the two teachers trained over a hundred children in acting and singing, always taking care that the plays and songs were suited to the moods of the children, and were within their range of voice.

Mrs. Cuddy and Mrs. McCauley have published a number of books: "The Shepherdess and the Chimney Sweep," "Thanksgiving in Plymouth," "Four Mother Goose Plays." They are now having the "Columbian Pageant" published, and will come out with others later.

The Children's Theater aims, not to make professionals of their young talent, but only to develop in the children, poise, imagination, correct speech and song, self-expression, and an appreciation of lovely things.

Wood Forecasts New School System

Forecasting a radical change in our state school system, a change that will add two years of pre-elementary and two years of college work to our existing school system, State Superintendent of Schools Will C. Wood opened up the annual convention of county and city superintendents of California, which was held last month at Lake Tahoe.

Mr. Anderson, who was in attendance, informed a Vigilante reporter that all the teachers college presidents attended so that they may keep themselves in touch with the outstanding educational developments and programs for the state.

The Tahoe convention was one of the best in the history of the state. Some of the outstanding features of it were, the opening address of State Superintendent Will C. Wood; the address of Miss Helen Heffernan, the new Commissioner of Elementary Schools; the discussion of the California Curriculum Survey; the discussion of the Junior High School; and the question of the Junior College in California.

Superintendent Will C. Wood, in his opening address, developed a fine picture of the evolution of the California school system, and forecast its development for the next quarter of a century. One of the foremost features in his forecast was his Statement of the 4-4-4-4 plan as a future possibility in the development of our state school system. According to this plan, we should have four units in our system. The first unit would be the Kindergarten-Primary unit and would include one year of pre-kindergarten and one year of kindergarten and the first and second grades. The second unit of four years would include the third, fourth, fifth, and sixth grades. The third unit would take the present junior high school, which now includes the seventh, eighth, and ninth grades, and would add the tenth, of the senior high school. This would become the new type of high school. The fourth and final unit of four years would be made up of the present eleventh and twelfth years of the senior high school, plus two years of junior college, and these four years taken together would make a new type of institution, called the college. Students graduating from the college would enter the junior year of the universities, and the universities would tend to become upper division and professional schools. We are hearing a good deal these days of the 6-4-4 plan, and Mr. Wood's proposition is a modification of this. He changes it by adding two years before the first grade.

The convention had the pleasure of meeting Miss Helen Heffernan, the new Commissioner of Elementary Education, and hearing an earnest address from her dealing with problems in elementary education. Miss Heffernan comes to her new position with a fine background of training and experience. She has been particularly interested in rural education and ought to be of fine service to the rural schools. Miss Heffernan is bubbling over with enthusiasm and ideas, and is a dynamo of energy. She promised President Anderson to spend several days in visiting our institution as soon as she has been able to adjust herself to the new office.

The discussion of the California Curriculum Study formed an important part of the program. The study of the California curriculum which has been going on under the supervision of Superintendent Wood, Professor William Chandler Bagley, of Columbia University, and Dr. George Kyte, of the University of California, is now completed and will be studied carefully by the school people of California during the present year. When the new courses of study are made in the cities and counties

S. F. T. C. Students Attend Alameda Reunion

The Green and Gold was well represented at the second annual reunion of the alumni of the White and Gold, which was held in the magnificent auditorium of the new \$1,125,000 building that Alameda has given her high school students.

Throngs of graduates gathered in the mecca of the old days; throngs representing classes as far back as '89. Among those, participating in the pilgrimage, who have extended their allegiance to the Green and Gold, were such personages as Anna-bell Hopping, Beulah Moore, "Bill" Porter, Ethel Scheller, Muriel Phillips, Stella Boot, Pearl Clark Borden, and Mabel Linderman, who is now an alumna of the S. F. T. C.

Dr. Scott, lately retired from the Girls' "Hi," was to have been there to speak. It was entirely fitting that he should be there, for he was one of the first principals of the A. H. S. The other "orators" were: Congressman A. E. Carter, who told us about Washington, D. C.; William J. Hamilton, a member of the Alameda County Board of Supervisors, who told us where our tax money went; and last, but not least, was William G. Paden, school superintendent. Of course, "Doc" Thompson, the principal, has his little "say" about "the best classes that ever graduated."

In conclusion, an alumna but lately returned from Europe, where she has studied music, generously played two beautiful piano selections.

of California, this Curriculum Study of Professor Bagley's will most likely be the starting point for such re-organization of courses.

Much attention was given to the discussion of the junior high school. Speeches were made on the following subjects:

"How Shall We Finance the Junior High School?"

"What Should the Curriculum of the Junior High School Be?"

"What Further Legislation Do We Need for the Junior High School?"

Of special interest to the teachers colleges was the discussion of the training of teachers for the junior high school. Mr. Willard Givens, Assistant Superintendent of Schools for the City of Oakland, outlined a plan which incorporated in part the policies held by our own college in training junior high school teachers.

The future of the Junior College in California was also discussed at length. Mr. Alfred Esberg, President of the San Francisco Board of Education, spoke on the subject from the standpoint of a layman. The function of the Junior College, its relation to the State University, and the workings of the Junior College law were some of the matters considered under this general topic.

The superintendents spent one day as the guests of the people of Carson Valley, in Nevada. The steamer took some two hundred of the superintendents to the south end of the lake, where they were met by automobiles from Gardnerville and Minden and were driven over the famous Kingsberg grade, arriving at Gardnerville about noon, where they were welcomed by the governor of the State of Nevada, and then enjoyed a fine barbecue prepared for them by the local Chamber of Commerce. One of the outstanding features of the entertainment was the fact that the Gardnerville High School of some sixty-five students raised over a thousand dollars through a high school stock show and fair for the purpose of entertaining the group. It was certainly deserving of credit to have this little rural high school put over the splendid entertainment which they gave the superintendents.

Japanese Educator Lectures

"Moon-viewing parties are the vogue in Japan," said Mr. Torao Kawasaki, an eminent Japanese scholar and member of the consulate, who addressed the Wednesday assembly.

The illustrated lecture on "Picturesque Japan" brought much applause from the crowded assembly hall. The slides used were hand painted.

Japan is a land of complexities, as well as a land of mystery and beauty," said this authority on Japanese art, literature, and culture, "for it is a mixture of Indian, Chinese, Japanese, and American culture."

"Run to the bamboo," is the call that spreads through the country in time of an earthquake, for the natives seek protection in the network of bamboo roots which prevents them from falling into the fissures made in the earth by the quakes.

"The old Japanese religion is a mixture of ancestral and nature worship, and the natives know nature to be the Temple of God," explained the lecturer. "They recognize in nature a 'Trinity' formed by three trees: the Bamboo tree, for long life and endurance; the Pine tree, for stateliness; the Plum blossom, for chastity, because it is the first to bloom, and so is queen of the flowers."

"The cherry blossom is the Japanese national flower. It only blooms for three splendid days, and so represents the fullness of a life, worthy and noble, but not prolonged," stated the speaker. "It means to the natives the giving of joy to fellow-men throughout life."

Flower arrangement is a separate course in the girls' schools, and no well-educated girl fails to take the course. The Japanese use only the flowers that are most beautiful in form and color. "We do not jumble all our flowers together as you Americans do and call it a bouquet," laughed this Japanese, "but we eliminate all that is not good. Most of our bouquets consist of three flowers, which represent the 'Trinity' of Heaven, Man and Earth; they are arranged at three different levels, the flower representing heaven being on top, and that representing earth on the bottom."

America is sending 200,000 dolls to Japan to help in the doll festival that occurs annually in this oriental land. It is hoped that this act will stimulate a good feeling between the two nations.

This is the third time that Mr. Kawasaki has favored this college by speaking here, and the student body is duly thankful to Mrs. Dorris for making his visit possible.

Kindergarteners Visit Bookshop

Milton Bradley and Company, dealers in kindergarten and primary supplies located at 554 Mission Street, received a visit on Thursday, October 28, from the East bay student teachers under Miss Crompton's supervision.

The girls did not go in one large group, but went at whatever time they pleased. In this manner the small quarters of the supply dealer were not overcrowded.

"Today seems to be visiting day," pleasantly said the lady in charge, as she opened the plentifully decorated room to two Alameda teachers who had just emerged from the elevator. The atmosphere was charged with courtesy and pleasantness.

The walls, shelves, and even the pillars were cleverly decorated with simple holiday suggestions, such as could be made by primary and grammar grade students. The shelves also contained books, books, and more books, ranging from stories of the "Little Red Hen" to Augsburg's "A. B. C. of Drawing."

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